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FOR AMBASSADOR VANCE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SNAR, TH
SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR VANCE: SCHEDULE FOR VISIT TO BANGKOK,
NOVEMBER 25-28

REF: STATE 218612

1. WE WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT YOU RECONSIDER THE EARLIER
DECISION NOT TO VISIT CHIANG MAI DURING YOUR VISIT TO THAILAND.
SO MUCH OF THE PROBLEM, BOTH IN TERMS OF SUPPRESSION AND OF
INCOME SUBSTITUTION, IS CENTERED IN THE NORTH, THAT YOUR VISIT
HERE WILL ACHIEVE ONLY LIMITED RESULTS IF YOU DO NOT SEE FOR YOUR-
SELF THE TERRAIN ON WHICH THE STRUGGLE IS BEING FOUGHT. WE WOULD
LIKE YOU TO CARRY WITH YOU BACK TO WASHINGTON VISUAL IMPRESSIONS
OF THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE BORDER PATROL POLICE AND THE
SPECIAL NARCOTICS ORGANIZATION OPERATING IN THE NORTH AND THEIR
US COUNTERPARTS IN THE FIELD; THE UNITED NATIONS PROJECT FOR DRUG
ABUSE CONTROL AND ITS CHANG KHEN STATION; AND, ABOVE ALL, THE WILD
AND ISOLATED BORDER COUNTRY WHERE OPIUM IS GROWN, TRADED AND
TRANSPORTED. THIS SHOULD BE USEFUL TO YOU IN CONGRESSIONAL
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TESTIMONY AND IN OTHER WAYS. THEREFORE, WE ARE SUBMITTING BELOW

FOR YOUR COMMENT AN AGENDA WHICH CALLS FOR TWO NIGHTS AND ONE FULL DAY IN BANGKOK AND A DAY AND NIGHT IN CHIANG MAI.

2. NOVEMBER 25: ETA BANGKOK 1710 5& 312

DINNER: GUEST OF THE AMBASSADOR

GUEST LIST TO INCLUDE:

MG PHAO SARASIN, SECRETARY GENERAL
OF THE RTG CENTRAL NARCOTICS BOARD.

NOVEMBER 26: 0830 COUNTRY TEAM MEETING (OPTIONAL)

0930-1130 MISSION BRIEFINGS CHAIRED BY
THE MISSION NARCOTICS COORDINATOR AND
ATTENDED BY SPECIAL ASSISTANT, DEA AND USOM
REPRESENTATIVES.

1200 LUNCH - DCM MASTERS, HOST

(GUESTS TO INCLUDE UNPDAC
REPRESENTATIVES)

1400 BRIEFINGS BY CENTRAL NARCOTICS BOARD
AT RTG NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION CENTER

1600 CALL ON UNPDAC OFFICE

1930 DINNER - HOST RTG CENTRAL NARCOTICS BOARD

NOVEMBER 27: 0900 DEPART FOR CHIANG MAI BY AIR

1040 ARRIVE CHIANG MAI - VISITS TO UNPDAC CHIANG
KHUEN STATION, BPP, SNO AND OVERFLIGHT OF
THE AREA.

1900 DINNER

NOVEMBER 28: 0930 DEPART CHIANG MAI BY AIR

1115 ARRIVE BANGKOK

1430 DEPART BANGKOK PA 02 FOR HONG KONG

3. A SEPARATE SCHEDULE WILL BE ARRANGED FOR MRS. VANCE.
IN BANGKOK SIGHTSEEING IS EXCELLENT (GRAND PALACE, TEMPLE
OF THE EMERALD BUDDHA, JIM THOMPSON'S HOUSE AND OTHER) AND
SHOPPING FOR SILKS, ANTIQUES AND SOME JEWELRY IS OUTSTANDING.
THERE ARE ALSO GOOD MUSEUMS IN BANGKOK AND CHIANG MAI. IN
CHIANG MAI (ASSUMING MRS. VANCE ACCOMPANIES THE AMBASSADOR,
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AS WE WOULD RECOMMEND) INTERESTING TRIPS TO HILLTRIBE
VILLAGES AND HANDICRAFT CENTERS CAN BE ARRANGED, AS WELL AS
A VISIT TO THE MUSEUM AND SHOPPING. SOCIAL WELFARE
INSTITUTIONS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE IN BOTH LOCATIONS. PLEASE
ADVISE REGARDING MRS. VANCE'S SPECIAL INTERESTS.
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